

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated June 27, 2006, the Patent Office indicated that all of the pending claims were allowed, except for claim 27. Claim 27 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 3,916,823 to Halloran in view of US Patent No. 3,669,818 to Stark. While the Applicant does not concede the merits of this rejection, claim 27 has been cancelled herein solely for the purpose of expediting issuance of a patent directed to the presently allowed claims.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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